

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Mr. John Sharp

~ September 21, 2017 ~

WHEREAS, John Sharp served the Local Government Council as Chair during 2016-2017 *and the Workforce Development Council as Chair during 2015-2016, and,*

WHEREAS, Chairman Sharp provided valuable assistance during the presentation of the 2016 Update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. It was during Mr. Sharp's Chairmanship in 2011-2012 that the LGC began our first CEDS, and,

WHEREAS, this year staff helped secure grants for \$576,000 to continue trail development in Appomattox County and Town that built on work which was initiated during Mr. Sharp's tenure as Chair in 2007-2008, and,

WHEREAS, this year the Region 2000 Radio Board completed the \$15 million Radio System upgrade which was begun during Mr. Sharp's tenure as Chair in 2011-2012 when the Radio Board was created. This year the Radio Board added Liberty University and the Central Virginia Community College to increase interoperability with Lynchburg, Bedford and Amherst County public safety communications, and,

WHEREAS, the Region 2000 Services Authority constructed a new landfill cell at a cost of over \$7 million to use when the cell which was developed during Mr. Sharp's tenure as Chair in 2011-2012 is filled in eighteen months. It was during Mr. Sharp's Chairmanship in 2007-2008 that the Services Authority was created, and,

WHEREAS, the Local Government Council fund balance has increased by \$82,000 over the past 10 years with the financial policies that were put in place during Mr. Sharp's Chairmanship in 2007-2008, and,

WHEREAS, while Mr. Sharp was Chair of the Workforce Development Council, staff successfully made the transition to programs operated under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, developed a comprehensive one stop center and also provided workforce services with stakeholders in every locality within Region 2000, and,

WHEREAS, the Local Government Council received the Robert W. Baker Award for excellence in regional planning and regional cooperation during Mr. Sharp's Chairmanship in 2007-2008 and continues to be the only PDC to have received that award from the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sharp has provided solid leadership for the work of the Local Government Council and continues to offer good counsel and valuable insight to staff and fellow Council members.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Local Government Council recognizes John Sharp for his service as Chair of the organization during 2016-2017 and offers our appreciation for his valuable leadership over the past 11 years.

Joan Foster, Chair
Region 2000 Local Government Council

Gary Christie, Executive Director
Region 2000 Local Government Council